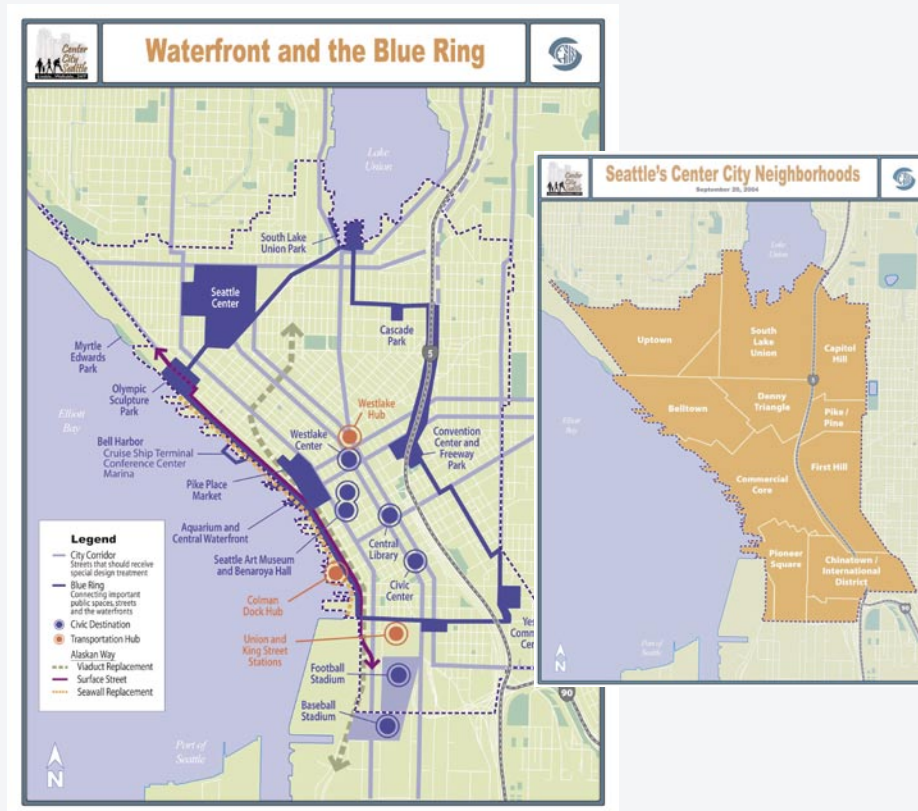




Department of Planning and Development
City of Seattle, Greg Nickels, Mayor



Seattle City Planning: A Vision for the Future of our City

Seattle City Planning was established in 2003 after long range planning functions were moved to the Department of Planning and Development (formerly DCLU) in 2002. This new division serves as a strong voice for planning and urban design in our city. Seattle City Planning engages citizens in an ongoing dialogue about Seattle's future and plays a central role in guiding the long-term development of the built and natural environment. It is comprised of more than 30 staff who evaluate regional growth management policy, monitor and update the City's Comprehensive Plan, draft land use policy, and develop sub-area and urban design plans. The division also includes staff which guide and support the work of the Seattle Planning Commission and the Seattle Design Commission. They are charged to carry out a new mission:

Articulate, advocate and advance our community's vision for an exceptional and vibrant Seattle.

Major projects now underway at Seattle City Planning include:

- Central Waterfront Plan
- Northgate Revitalization
- Center City Seattle Strategy
- Neighborhood Business District Strategy
- South Downtown Sub Area Plan

The division is broken down into five functions. These include:

Comprehensive and Regional Planning



"Toward a Sustainable Seattle," the Comprehensive Plan adopted in 1994, articulates a vision for how Seattle will grow over time while sustaining the highest values of its citizens, promoting a vibrant economy and livable neighborhoods by guiding residential and employment growth in urban villages and urban centers.

Land Use Policy

The City's Land Use Policy unit develops policies for regulating the use and development of land. Staff work toward protecting sensitive natural areas, promoting good urban design, ensuring adequate infrastructure to accommodate growth, and lessening the impact of new development on existing neighborhoods.

CityDesign/Urban Design



Established in 1999, CityDesign is committed to developing and maintaining an urban design vision for Seattle, collaborating with other agencies responsible for the public realm, facilitating citizen dialogue on urban design, and serving as a public resource on urban design for diverse constituencies.

Seattle Planning Commission

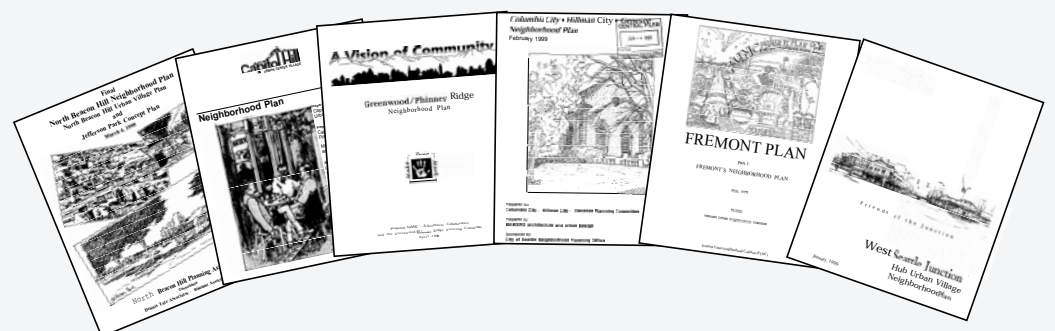


Chartered in 1946 to advise the Mayor, City Council and City departments on planning for the physical development of our city, the Planning Commission's work is framed by the Comprehensive Plan's vision for Seattle in the 21st century and by a commitment to engage citizens in the work of planning.

Seattle Design Commission



Established in 1968 to champion civic design excellence in Seattle's public realm, the Design Commission helps guide the City in developing capital improvement projects that possess a civic scale and character, express the city's diverse cultural identity, and are sustainable and enduring.



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